

Remarks

In response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2004, in which the Examiner imposed an restriction requirement, identifying eight species, Applicant elects, with traverse, the species identified by the Examiner as "species 7."

The election requirement is traversed because at least claim 10, directed to embodiments of a cannula/needle combination, reads on all the species identified by the Examiner, including species 7. A search directed to the invention of claim 10, and its dependent claims, would not seem to impose an undue burden on the examiner.

It is believed that no additional fees are due in connection with this communication. However, a petition to extend the time to respond by one month (from June 19, 2004 until July 19, 2004) is being filed herewith, and the Office is hereby authorized to charge the fee associated with the petition to Deposit Account 04-1420. The Office is also hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the petition or this communication to Deposit Account 04-1420.

Reconsideration and early allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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